

(b) if so, whether any amount is being recovered in lieu of the above journey passes issued to them; and

(c) if not, how the loss of crores of rupees per annum of Government revenue so sustained in this regard is being covered up?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c) M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. has been provided free passes as a facility to supervise the working of their bookstalls on Indian Railways as per the agreement entered with them. Ministry of Railways has, however, reviewed the matter recently and the number of passes has been curtailed from 58 to 30. M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co., pay to the Railways royalty at the rate of 4% of their sales turnover.

Stoppage of Express Trains at Jajpur-Keonjhar Road

*187. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government would consider to provide stoppage of Falakunuma, Coromandal and Rajdhani Express trains at Jajpur-Keonjhar Road which is the only rail linkage to Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Angul, Keonjhar and Sundargarh districts?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): There is no such proposal at present as 20 pairs (16 pairs of Mail/Express and 4 pairs of Passenger) of trains are already stopping at Jajpur-Keonjhar Road, thus adequately meeting the traffic requirement of both short distance and long distance passengers.

Capacity in Mahalaxmi Express

*188. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the inadequate capacity in AC 2 Tier and Ist Class coaches in Mahalaxmi Express between Kolhapur and Mumbai;

(b) whether Government have received any complaint in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and